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PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Christopher A. Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, announced today the charging by Information of BRIAN SCOTT JUSTICE, age 32, formerly of Danville, Indiana. JUSTICE is charged with multiple child pornography offenses and has agreed to plead guilty as charged. The Information and Plea Agreement were filed on February 1, 2005 after an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indiana State Police, the Danville Police Department, the United States Marshal Service, the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section's High Tech Investigative Unit.

The Information charges JUSTICE with one count of advertising child pornography between on or about August 28, 2004 and on or about August 30, 2004, one count of transporting child pornography between on or about August 1, 2004 and September 19, 2004, one count of

receiving child pornography between on or about August 1, 2004 and September 19, 2004, and one count of possessing child pornography between on or about June 2, 2001 and September 19, 2004. The transport and receipt charges are based on exchanges of child pornography with forty-two (42) separate “John Does” listed in the Information.

The Information charges that JUSTICE advertised, transported, received and possessed the child pornography that forms the basis for the charges by operating his personal computer as a file server which allowed selected files to be downloaded by the public and allowed the public to upload files to that computer, and by advertising on specified Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channels a willingness to receive or distribute files. JUSTICE advertised his file server on the “100%preteengirlsexpics” IRC channel, making available to the public a collection of approximately 20,000 image and movie files of child pornography and erotic depictions of children over the course of about five years beginning in or about 1999 and continuing until on or about October 17, 2004. Justice was arrested on October 20, 2004 near Shreveport, Louisiana following a search of his former Danville, Indiana home. He is currently detained in federal custody.

The child pornography involved is alleged to have been produced through the use of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and the material was allegedly a visual depiction of such conduct.

“Through prosecutions such as the one announced today, the Justice Department is determined to bring an end to the abhorrent practice of trafficking in the rape and sexual exploitation of our children,” said Assistant Attorney General Christopher A. Wray.

“This investigation and indictment,” said Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney, “is the result of the ongoing cooperative effort by the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the Department of Justice, federal law enforcement agencies, and local law enforcement agencies to find and prosecute those individuals who use and exploit our children.”

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven DeBrotta and Trial Attorney Michelle Morgan-Kelly of the Department of Justice, who are handling the JUSTICE prosecution for the United States, JUSTICE has agreed to be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 180 months (15 years), which is the statutory mandatory minimum sentence for advertising child pornography. That count also carries a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment of up to life and a potential fine of up to \$250,000. In addition, the government is seeking the forfeiture of the child pornography and related computer equipment used in both cases.

The charges contained in this information are allegations only and JUSTICE is presumed innocent until convicted at trial or by entering a plea.